



SOUTHEAST NEWS

June 2007

Southeast Elementary School, 134 Warrenville Rd., Mansfield Center, CT 06250 423-1611

Dear Southeast Families,

As our school year draws to a close, we want to thank all of you for your tremendous support and guidance. You have helped us to improve and enrich our programs. I deeply appreciate the time and effort you have given on behalf of the Southeast students.

Once again, I would like to invite you to share your comments regarding how you feel we did in meeting the needs of your children. Please share your reflections with the teachers or me as appropriate.

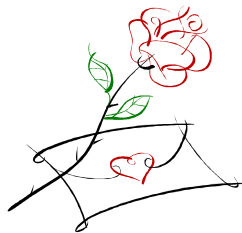


I extend my best wishes to you and your family for a safe and fun-filled summer. Enjoy!

Sincerely,
Norma Fisher-Doiron

To the Many Volunteers Who Have Helped Us:

*You've been so very good to us.
You've been kind in every way.
You've made us treats and helped
On all our special days.
Today we'd like to thank you
For all you've done this year,
And to tell you that you're special
And so very, very dear.
Today we'd like to tell you
In our own special way:
We appreciate the things you've done
More than words can say.*



WE APPRECIATE YOU!!!

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

The last day of school for **Grades K-4** will be an early closing day- **June 22**.
Grades K-4 will be dismissed at **12:45**

Preschool Last Days:

A.M Class - June 15th

P.M. Class - June 18th

Calendar of Events

June

June 1.....	9:00-3:30 3rd grade field trip to Mystic Seaport 9:00-3:20 2nd gr. Pen Pal trip to Mansfield Hollow Dam, Last day of Book Fair 6:30-8:00 Ice Cream Social
June 2.....	Last Week for Library classes
June 4.....	9:30-10:30 Suzuki Tour Assembly 6:00 Parents' Hour 7:00 PTO Meeting
June 7.....	Fun In Our Own Backyard
June 8.....	Rain Date for FIOOBY
June 9.....	Book Swap
June 10.....	Book Swap
June 13.....	School Library closed
June 14.....	Flag Day 7:30 Board of Ed. Meeting
June 15.....	PreK AM- Last Day of School
June 17.....	Father's Day
June 18.....	PreK PM- Last Day of School 7:00 4th Grade Moving-On Ceremony
June 19.....	Preschool Screening (by appt.)
June 20.....	Preschool Screening (by appt.) 8:15-8:45 Distance for Dads 2:00 Mrs. Latino's 4th grade class End of Year Play
June 22.....	Last Day of School for Stu- dents 12:45- Early Closing Progress Reports Go Home

Attendance Line/Nurse: 423-2793

Please visit our website www.mansfieldct.org/schools/southeast

Congratulations to Emily Sandall and Sagan Hayes, Published Authors



Volunteer teachers across the state have chosen to publish "Let Me Read", a piece of writing by 3rd grade student, Emily Sandall, and "If Luke Was a Custodian", a piece of writing by 2nd grade student, Sagan Hayes, in the *Connecticut Student Writer*. This statewide magazine was established in 1988 to recognize excellence in student writing, K-12. This year, over 1,100 pieces were submitted. To have their pieces chosen from this group of talented writers is a credit to both girls, their families, their teachers and to our school.

A recognition dinner was held at the Jorgenson Auditorium on May 22nd where Emily and Sagan were each presented with a certificate of merit and copy of the magazine.

We are so proud of you, Emily and Sagan.

CALLING ALL GARDENERS



Help is needed to maintain our gardens over the summer. If you have a "green thumb" or like to garden, let us know if you might be able to help look after our school gardens. Make it a family event and bring your children. We'd like to set up a schedule so that the gardens can maintain their lustrous look during the summer months. Send a note with your child to school, e-mail, or leave a voice message with Cheryl Hathway (ext. 112) or Sue Kamienski (ext. 115). Thank you!

hathwaych@mansfieldct.org
kamienskise@mansfieldct.org

Plan Ahead....

First day of 2007-2008
School Year

Wednesday, August 29th

For a copy of the 2007-2008 school year calendar,
log on to our website at:

www.mansfieldct.org/schools/southeast



Moving?

As we begin planning for the 2007-08 school year, it is important to have any information which will give us a better idea of which students will not be at Southeast Elementary next school year. If you will be moving from the Southeast District before next school year, please call the school office and let us know. Not only will this help in our planning, but it will also enable us to facilitate a smooth transition for your child to his or her new school.

MANY THANKS...

to our parents who volunteer to help during these busy school days. And, of course, thank you to our PTO officers this year—



Co-Presidents.....Edmond and
Amy Chibeau
Vice President.....Ronald Baker
Secretary.....Monique Brown
Treasurer.....Lesley Sweeney

THANK YOU

We would like to extend our sincere appreciation and thanks for the wonderful luncheon the parents and PTO members provided for the Southeast Staff on Teacher Appreciation Day. Your generosity and continued support make Southeast a special place for learning.



Volunteers Needed for Fall Carnival

The PTO is seeking volunteers to help with the Fall Carnival, especially with the silent auction. The date will be Saturday, Sept. 29th.

Those interested in volunteering should contact Monique Brown at 423-1611 ext. 107

Museum Pass Available at Mansfield Library

The Mansfield Library has obtained a pass to the New Britain Museum of American Art, thanks to funding from the Southeast PTO. The museum pass is available for check out at this time. For more information about the museum log onto their website: www.nbmaa.org.

Thank you, Southeast PTO, for providing this wonderful community service.

MATH-A-THON FOR ST. JUDE

Thanks to the hard work and efforts of the students in completing their math funbooks and CD's, we have raised \$4,200 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Congratulations to all those who participated! Since we reached our challenge goal of raising \$4,000., Mrs. Fisher-Doiron, Miss Parker, Senora Hutton, and Ms. Kamienski will dress up as math superheroes and distribute prizes. We can't wait until next year!

~ Sue Kamienski

LOST & FOUND

Please ask your child to look through the Lost & Found box located in the Art's Wing. Any items not claimed before the last day of school will be donated to Mansfield Youth Services.

It's No Surprise That Reading Is the First of the Three R's

Reading is the foundation of success in school...and in life. The ability to read and write is necessary to master other subjects and to communicate what is learned.

Even more important, children who enjoy reading will continue to learn and grow throughout their lives. Reading is one of the most inexpensive and readily available forms of education and entertainment.

Set aside some time every week to visit the public library. While you're there, check out a book yourself. You'll be setting a powerful example of the importance of reading for your child.



Committee Members Needed:

We are looking for parents to serve on the following committees:

Action Planning Team - a committee of people representing the staff and parents who will meet once this summer and periodically through the school year to plan the goals for Southeast School for 2007-2008.

Staff Planning Team - a group of staff members and a parent representative who work together twice a month to discuss any issues, concerns or events that need to be addressed.

Principal's Advisory Board - a group of parents representing each grade level to help address any issues, concerns or events. This group will also make recommendations to the PTO regarding topics to use for presenters or focus groups.

Tools For Schools/Safety Committee - a group of staff members and a parent representative who meet once a month to:

1. discuss ways to enhance our school building grounds and
2. recommend ways to enhance school safety.

If you are interested in serving on any of these committees please contact Norma Fisher-Doiron at 423-1611.

TV - Turnoff Week was a huge success!

The week of April 22, 2007 Southeast students participated in TV-Turnoff week. Instead of watching TV, students enjoyed other enriching activities. All those who took advantage of this exciting week received a certificate and pencil. Mrs. Latino's fourth grade class had 100% participation. Congratulations! A total of 87 Pre-K through fourth grade Southeast students turned off their TV for the week.

The following students also participated in the TV-Turnoff Week poster contest. The students designed posters that presented other activities that they can do instead of watching television. All of the posters were great! Five posters were chosen as winners and each student got an extra prize. The top five posters belonged to: Christiana Rivera, Miranda Sommer, Anysia Lee, Dylan Temel, and Oscar and Owen Newton. Congratulations to everyone who made one!

Christine Guyette
Merce Tabor
Mairi Mutch
Sarah Sommer
Dylan Temel

Andrew Christenson
Katie Cranmer
Chloe Ewalt
Keeley O'Keefe
Kyuwon Shim

Anysia Lee
Miranda Sommer
Christiana Rivera
Owen Newton
Madeline Klintworth

Leah Newmyer
Annie Morrison
Tessa Morrison
Oscar Newton

On Wednesday, April 25th, instead of watching television, many students participated in a talent show. Acts ranged from hand-stands to musical instruments to magic tricks. Everyone involved did a wonderful job and we were all impressed with Southeast's talents. Everyone in the talent show also received a voucher for a free snack wrap from McDonald's! The following students participated in the talent show:

Christine Guyette
Merce Tabor
Chloe Ewalt
Keeley O'Keefe
Carlie Cassells
Bryan Rote
Katie Ouimette
Ward Ewalt
Sage Budzinski
Sagan Hayes
Geoffrey Russell
Olivia Baker

Victoria Salai
Benji Harnisch-Weidauer
Hannah Lowe
Jenise Crosthwaite
Hyun-Soo Kim
Tyler Comeau
Marysia Borucinska-Begg
Weston Henry
Eric Barrett
Ruby Hayes
Lydia Russell
Laura Blum

Alyssa Grover
Diana Irizzary
Emma Lussier
Teagen Comeau
DJ Canales
Abbey Lussier
Allison Cox
Olivia Cox
Chloe Chibeau
Mark Chang
Darcy Canales

Congratulations to all of our participants!



This year Southeast Elementary School will be having FUN IN OUR OWN BACKYARD— a day filled with games, relays, and other activities on our school grounds.

Following our routine morning activities in classrooms, the BACKYARD festivities will begin at 9:30 a.m. Children will participate in games, relays, and other activities throughout the morning. At the conclusion of the morning activities, lunch and recess, children will participate in afternoon activities.

Please send your child to school dressed to be active and outside for the entire day. Comfortable play clothes are suggested. Your child WILL BE getting wet, so please send a change of clothes. SNEAKERS ARE REQUIRED as they are for Physical Education, so no other shoe apparel, please. A hat, if already owned, is good protection from the sun. Sunscreen must be applied at home.

Parents are welcome and needed to help with our activities. Help is especially needed from 9:15 a.m. to noon and from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. If you are able to lend a hand, please call and leave your name with Betsy Parker at 423-1611 ext. 125. Come and join in the fun!

We are looking forward to a lot of fun and excitement at FUN IN OUR OWN BACKYARD.

~ Miss Parker

(raindate will be Friday, June 8th)

STORIES FOR SOUTHEAST THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING



We would like to thank the individuals below for their purchase of the following books for our school library:

Oliver Pig and the Best Fort EverFor Keith Dixon ... Love Mom, Dad & Fiona

The Hardy Boys: Footprints Under the Window ...For the Sweeney Family in honor of their dedication and hard work.... From the Chibeau Family

The Boxcar Children Series: The Mystery of the Runaway Ghost For the Sweeney Family in honor of their dedication and hard work.... From the Chibeau Family

The Magic Finger For the Sweeney Family in honor of their dedication and hard work.... From the Chibeau Family

Cowboy Ned & Andy ... For the Sweeney Family in honor of their dedication and hard work.... From the Chibeau Family

If you are interested in purchasing a book for our library, please contact Linda Sydie at 423-1282 or email at lsydie@snet.net for more information.

PTO Notes:



PTO would like to highlight the CT Clean Energy Grant available to those who can propose ways to increase the level of awareness of the benefits and availability of clean energy and to encourage people to use it. For more information, see Virginia Walton, Recycling Coordinator for the Town of Mansfield or Monique Brown, PTO secretary, 423-1611 X107.

PTO would like to highlight the availability of the Southeast Student Directory, which include names, addresses, and telephone numbers of all Southeast Families who opted to participate. Copies can be requested through your child's teacher.

PTO is in need of someone to coordinate the purchase of bins for the storage closet at Southeast. All PTO storage needs to be restored in bins with lids to avoid pest infestations. See Kim O'Keefe, 2007 – 2008 PTO President.

Mark your calendar: Distance for Dads event, Wednesday June 20, 8:15 – 8:45 on the Southeast blacktop. Mileage for Moms was a huge success!

Keeping Children Safe in the Sun

It is now well known that exposure to sun puts people at risk for skin cancer and premature aging and that most of that exposure comes during childhood (80% of a person's lifetime sun exposure occurs before they are 21). Regular use of sunscreen in children can lower their risk of skin cancer by almost 78%.

There are many sunscreens available for safe use in children over six months old. Pick one that offers UVA and UVB protection and that has a SPF of 15 or higher (especially if your child has light skin). Apply the sunscreen in a thick coat at least 30-45 minutes before going outside and reapply every two hours (or more often if he/she is swimming or perspiring heavily).

Here are some other tips to protect your child from the damaging effects of the sun.

- Wear protective clothing, including a hat and long sleeve shirt and long pants. Keep in mind that most clothing only has a SPF of 5-9, so you can still get sun damage with a shirt on.
- Limit exposure to the sun when it is at its strongest (10am-4pm).
- Protect your child's eyes with sunglasses that protect against UVA and UVB radiation.
- Use sunscreen daily, even if it is cloudy, since most of the sun's radiation penetrates clouds and can still cause sunburn.
- Consider using a sunscreen with ingredients (such as zinc oxide or titanium dioxide) that physically block the sun's radiation if your child has sensitive skin.



Please encourage your child to drink more water during summer days.

Bus Changes for 2007-2008 School Year

Please notify the office of any change in your child's transportation needs. If we do not hear from you, we will continue to use your child's current day-to-day arrangements for the upcoming year.

